



The National Archery in the Schools Program establishes NASP® Academic Archer program to promote and recognize academic excellence among 2.23 million NASP® student archers



Since its inception in 2002, NASP® has been proven to be a powerful motivational force for millions of participating students. As an extension of the classroom, NASP® continues to demonstrate how in-school archery is a great way to engage students and help many of them become motivated to succeed academically...many for the first time! NASP® Academic Archer is intended to be another tool for today's NASP® educators to use for student motivation. Continuous feedback data suggests that the excitement of being a part of their school's NASP® team is a significant factor for enhancing student success wherever the program is implemented.

In November of 2015, National NASP® leadership and a group of NASP® educators and students met to discuss ways to further enhance the 15 year old program. One recommendation was to establish a uniform incentive and recognition format to recognize and promote academic achievement for participating NASP® students. The concept of a **NASP® Academic Archer** was recommended.

The status of being recognized nationally as a “NASP® Academic Archer” was discussed and the NASP® advisory recommended that the designation should involve the following:

- The NASP® *Academic Archer* program is an optional program, available only to participating NASP® schools – participation is a local decision and in accordance with existing local school policies.
- NASP® BAI certified teachers/coaches can enter eligible students into nasptournaments.org for *Academic Archer* status using their BAI number.
- All students that fully participate in an in-school NASP® archery class or participate on the archery team at a recognized NASP® school **and** meet local academic criteria for recognition, are eligible to be entered for *Academic Archer* status.
- The *Academic Archer* program is independent from any/all forms of tournament participation.
- **Each student that is entered/registered into nasptournaments.org as a NASP® Academic Archer, will be automatically registered for a chance to win 1 of 10 free Genesis bows and specially marked Easton arrows - which will be given away each year by NASP®. Names of winners will be announced at the national NASP® tournament.**
- The NASP® advisory offered the following guidelines if no local school criteria exist for *Academic Archer* recognition:
 - The Student should be/have been a full participant in their school’s “**in-school**” NASP® archery class during the time period where academic recognition and recommendation is considered.
 - *Academic Archers* can also be members of the school archery team (if one exists) during the time period where academic recognition and recommendation is considered.
 - The Student should have no D’s or F’s (or equivalent), in order to qualify as a NASP® *Academic Archer*.
 - The designated *Academic Archer* should maintain a grade point average that establishes them well within existing school GPA criteria for high academic scholarship.
 - When no school academic recognition criteria exists, the local NASP® coach should consult and collaborate with the school principal to establish such criteria, before designating students with *Academic Archer* status.
- Each *Academic Archer* may be provided with a certificate suitable for framing at the local NASP® banquet or school sponsored student academic recognition ceremony according to local practices. [LINK TO TOOLKIT](#)

- NASP® teachers/coaches can also designate eligible students for *Academic Archer* status when utilizing nasptournaments.org for any NASP® tournament – See nasptournaments.org for instructions regarding designating for NASP® *Academic Archer* status when registering.
- The NASP® advisory also suggested that an optional recognition symbol be established for participating NASP® *Academic Archers*. NASP® and our partner Electronic Awards have developed a low cost, iron-on shoulder patch that can be purchased by any school. To order the iron-on shoulder patches click here: [LINK TO TOOLKIT](#) - Patches are inexpensive and can be purchased in bulk for team applications.
- **Reminder** – all decisions on designating students with *Academic Archer* status are local decisions and should involve collaboration between the NASP® educator and the principal of the school.
- Without existing school criteria, NASP® recommends that schools follow the recommendations of the NASP® advisory.
- National NASP® will support any/all local NASP® *Academic Archer* status designations and will recognize NASP® *Academic Archer* designees as a group at each flight of the NASP® National Tournament.
- NASP® will promote the *Academic Archer* program on the naspschools.org web site, social media and industry media outlets.

Please find the files associated with the NASP® Academic Archer program at the following toolkit link: [LINK TO TOOLKIT](#)

Includes:

- Link to order patches
- Copy of the document above
- Links to downloadable PDF versions of the certificates
- Link to nasptournaments.org for coaches to enter their NASP® Academic Archers

For fifteen years, the National Archery in the Schools Program has positively impacted 14, 000,000 students. As an extension of the classroom, NASP® continues to be a highly engaging and motivating force with participating students.

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